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Newspapers: Missoula: Missoulian, Butte: The Montana Standard, and Helena: Independent Record

RE: Application for an Operating Permit for a Placer Mine in Powell County Dear

Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper, preferable the Sunday edition:

Legal Notice

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment Regarding the Application for an Operating Permit (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act)

On September 11, 2012, Golden Rule Placer Mining, Inc., (Golden Rule) filed an application with the Department of Environmental Quality for an operating permit. The operating permit would authorize placer mining on private land in Sections 22, 27 and 34, Township 9 North, Range 11 West, approximately 7 miles south of Gold Creek and about 15 miles northwest of Deer Lodge in Powell County.

The operating permit would cover a total of 90 acres. About 48 acres would be disturbed over the next five years. Ground disturbance would range up to approximately 50 feet in depth. Golden Rule would use trucks, dozers, loaders and excavators to remove the rock.

Golden Rule currently conducts mining activities at the site under a Small Miner Exclusion Statement (SMES). Golden Rule is applying for an operating permit because it is proposes to disturb more of the earth's surface than the five acres that may be disturbed under a SMES.

Copies of the Draft CEA can be obtained by writing DEQ, Environmental Management Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, c/o Herb Rolfes, or calling (406) 444-3841; or sending email addressed to [hrolfes@mt.gov](mailto:hrolfes@mt.gov). The Draft CEA will also be posted on the DEQ web page: [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov). Public comments concerning the adequacy and accuracy of the Draft CEA will be accepted until June 28, 2013.

To expedite payment, please send your *invoice, tear sheet, and affidavit of publication* to DEQ at the address above to the attention of Dick Morrow. Please indicate that the bill applies to EMB50313.185  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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